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# Crop Progress & Condition Report

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Week ending May 2, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 3, 2010**. Another wave of storms, continuing from the previous week, has halted the planting season in Mississippi once again. The northern part of the state was the most heavily affected, with producers reporting standing water in their fields and some are planning to replant once the soil dries out. Soil moisture was rated 7 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 33 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 2, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	98	96	96	97
Corn, emerged	92	86	87	91
Cotton, planted	36	28	37	35
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	41	31	41	32
Peanuts, planted	3	0	18	10
Rice, planted	78	70	66	76
Rice, emerged	58	34	30	50
Sorghum, planted	60	54	39	59
Sorghum, emerged	50	42	18	39
Soybeans, planted	68	60	58	65
Soybeans, emerged	47	25	31	44
Watermelons, planted	87	82	83	82
Winter Wheat, jointing	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat, heading	90	56	94	95

Crop condition for week ending May 2, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	7	86	6
Corn	0	2	30	52	16
Livestock	2	10	23	51	14
Pasture	2	10	32	46	10
Watermelons	0	2	19	79	0
Winter Wheat	0	8	28	54	10

## Comments

“Excessive rains over the weekend have caused flooding that will adversely affect some crops. We need this water to recede quickly, but rivers and ditches are full.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“Flash floods and tornados over the weekend stopped all farm activities.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Two to three inches of rain stopped work last week and rain this weekend will keep us out of the fields. It is just as well since the soil temperatures are a little cool to be putting cotton in the ground.”

— Stephen Winters Grenada

“Corn and soybean emergence has been good. Planting was delayed due to wet field conditions. The effects of the excessive rainfall and flooding will take some time to determine.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Tate County received four inches of rainfall this weekend from the storms. Many fields are underwater, so I expect a fair amount of crop loss and replanting this month.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Monday through Friday saw favorable conditions for field work, but farmers held off on planting due to anticipation of potential flooding for the weekend. There was an extreme amount of rainfall with excessive flooding in the county during the weekend.”

— Shelaine Pennington, Prentiss

“Scattered rains throughout the county have helped get the crops up and growing.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Weekend rains will slow field work this week. Most emerged crops look healthy with minimal problems.”  
— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Weekend rains will keep growers out of the field for several days. We were able to plant some cotton, rice, and soybeans last week.”  
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“All crops planted well and are off to a good start. However, the heavy rains that occurred Friday and Saturday caused flooding in places and the water is standing over some small seedlings in low lying areas. It depends on how quick the water gets off as to how much damage will occur.”  
— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We got a few work days in the field last week: mostly corn fertilization and corn herbicides. A few more acres of cotton, rice, and soybeans were planted. Over the weekend we got 1.5 to over 4 inches of rainfall. Due to last weekend rains, and rains again this weekend, we have flooding in low spots.”  
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Crops are looking better. Most Group IV soybeans are planted. Corn fertilization is near complete. Later maturing soybeans will be put in the ground starting next week after the thunderstorms clear.”  
—Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“When asked how much rain had fallen, one grower said "around a foot in the last week". At the same time, other locations have been waiting for rain because the fields were too dry for planting. Very unusual conditions prevail around this area.”  
— Ernest Flint, Attala

“This past weekend's rain was needed for gardens, lawns, row crop producers, but not so much for the ryegrass hay producers. We received around 2 1/2 inches of rain over the weekend.”  
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Clay County received in excess of 3-6 inches of rainfall for the first weekend of May and all fields are saturated, it will take several days of continuous dry weather before any field work can get accomplished. Many fields were underwater and some farmers are planning on replanting soybeans as soon as they can get into the field.”  
— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Rain this weekend varied from .5 to 1.5 inches, just enough to keep things growing but not too much. It will be a few days before field work can resume. Blueberry crop is looking real good.”  
— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Commercial tomatoes are setting fruit, watermelon vines are running, and the commercial vegetable crops look good. Need 5 to 7 days of sunshine to harvest the cool season hay crop.”  
— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Maybe some planting of late crop, but most watermelons are planted.”  
— Judith Breland, Stone

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 2, 2010									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	82	44	67	67	0	1.95	0.76	2	6.35
Cleveland	85	45	66	67	-1	1.74	0.41	1	2.56
Lambert 1W	84	43	66			4.22	3.03	2	6.33
Extreme/Average	85	43	67	66	1	2.64	1.38	2	5.08
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville 2SW	83	42	63	64	-1	6.55	5.36	2	7.75
Calhoun City	81	41	61	65	-4	0.03	-1.28	1	2.68
Hickory Flat	79	33	59	63	-4	4.17	2.91	3	6.70
Holly Springs 4N	80	36	63	62	1	7.01	5.80	4	11.05
Independence	79	40	63	64	-1	5.53	4.34	3	9.45
Oxford	81	41	64	64	0	2.71	1.47	4	4.55
Water Valley	81	40	64	64	0	2.10	0.84	3	3.72
Extreme/Average	83	33	62	64	-2	4.01	2.75	3	6.36
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	77	37	62	64	-2	2.40	1.10	4	5.07
Corinth 7SW	79	42	63	66	-3	5.87	4.60	3	9.04
Iuka	78	36	56	61	-5	0.00	-1.28	0	2.08
Tupelo 2	79	42	64			0.00	0.00	0	0.35
Pontotoc Exp Stn	79	41	59	65	-6	0.03	-1.23	1	0.71
Verona	80	42	64	65	-1	0.60	-0.52	3	2.10
Extreme/Average	80	36	61	64	-3	1.48	0.21	2	3.23
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	82	47	65	67	-2	0.11	-1.29	1	2.34
Moorhead	84	47	67	68	-1	3.29	2.03	2	6.68
Rolling Fork	86	45	68	67	+1	0.83	-0.43	2	2.30
Extreme/Average	86	45	67	68	-1	1.41	0.08	2	3.77
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	83	39	66	68	-2	0.38	-1.02	3	1.33
Eupora 2E	81	39	65	65	0	3.08	1.88	2	7.70
Forest 3S	83	37	66	66		0.22	-1.03	3	1.58
Kosciusko	79	40	64	65	-1	1.77	0.45	2	3.33
Winona 5E	80	38	63	62	1	4.57	3.38	2	8.97
Extreme/Average	83	37	65	66	-1	2.00	0.70	2	3.80
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	85	42	63	65	-2	0.10	-1.12	1	3.88
Columbus	81	41	65	66	-1	1.85	0.71	2	4.65
Louisville	81	41	64	65	-1	1.62	0.35	2	1.62
State University	80	42	65	65		1.46	0.23	2	5.15
Extreme/Average	85	41	64	66	-2	1.26	0.00	2	4.56
<b>Southwest</b>									
Crystal Sprg Exp	83	47	68	68	0	0.49	-0.77	3	0.95
Natchez	84	41	69	69	0	0.25	-1.08	1	0.39
Oakley Exp	84	42	63	67	-4	0.12	-1.11	1	1.04
Port Gibson 1NE	85	41	63	66	-3	0.21	-1.12	1	0.76
Vicksburg	85	46	69			0.70	0.00	2	1.41
Extreme/Average	85	41	66	68	-2	0.35	-0.98	2	0.88
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	84	42	66	67	-1	0.00	-1.32	0	0.60
Columbia	86	46	70	68	2	1.56	0.23	2	3.76
Monticello	88	42	67	67		0.03	-1.37	1	0.84
Raleigh 6N	81	37	63			0.22	0.00	2	1.05
Extreme/Average	88	37	66	68	-2	0.45	-0.88	1	1.56
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	86	45	67	69	-2	0.31	-0.95	3	2.85
Newton Exp	81	39	62	65	-3	0.03	-1.16	1	2.69
Waynesboro 2W	87	45	69	67	2	0.25	-0.81	2	3.22
Extreme/Average	87	39	66	67	-1	0.20	-0.99	2	2.92
<b>Coastal</b>									
Biloxi	83	51	70	70		2.52	1.38	2	4.25
Wiggins	87	34	64	69	-5	0.09	-1.10	1	0.19
Extreme/Average	87	34	67	70	-3	1.31	0.09	2	4.25
<b>State</b>	88	33	65	67	-2	1.42	0.15	2	3.50